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## §2–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Civilian classification" means the position held by a civilian employee.
- (c) "Civilian employee" means an employee of the Department other than a police employee.
- (d) (1) "Commissioned rank" means the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and Lieutenant Colonel.
  - (2) "Commissioned rank" does not include the Secretary.
  - (e) "Department" means the Department of State Police.
- (f) "Grade" means the status of police employees that have the same primary areas of duty and responsibility within a rank.
- (g) (1) "Law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement agency of a department, county, or municipal corporation of the State.
  - (2) "Law enforcement agency" includes:
    - (i) sheriffs; and
    - (ii) similar agencies of other states and the United States.
- (h) (1) "Noncommissioned rank" means a rank other than a commissioned rank.
  - (2) "Noncommissioned rank" does not include the Secretary.
- (i) "Police employee" means an employee of the Department to whom the Secretary assigns the powers contained in § 2-412 of this title.
- (j) "Rank" means the status, established by rule, of police employees that have the same relative position in the chain of command.

- (k) (1) "Rule" means a rule, order, or other directive adopted by the Secretary under this article.
- (2) "Rule" does not include a regulation within the meaning of Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.
  - (l) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State Police.

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